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## The Philatelic Five

### The True Story of an Unique Stamp Club

 HIS is a short history of a stamp club which was started in one of the most unthought of places, and among the most unlikely type of people in the world. These people pride themselves on being different from others and well they may!

This club is the Philatelic Five, situated in the New Jersey State Prison at Trenton. It has more obstacles and barriers to fight against than any organization of the same kind in the world today.

Philatelists know no barrier that cannot be surmounted. It is not a question of faith, religion, race or political belief to be a Philatelist.

On June 15th, 1924, George C. Poeppel, a clerk in the Book Bindery of the Printing Department of the Prison, while receiving packages happened to notice a stamp on a small bundle; he liked it so much that he cut it off; from then on, being interested in the designs on the different stamps, he cut off all that he came across and piled them in his drawer.

Soon he had so many stamps that he did not know what to do with them: Not understanding stamp collecting he pasted these stamps in a book in rotation instead of in their proper issues.

In December, 1925, I happened to be standing around watching him playing with his stamps, and the more I watched the more I became interested in them, so finally I asked him for some duplicates and that started me off on stamps. And in the beginning of 1926, I noticed an advertisement in the Popular Mechanics Magazine on stamps. So, being interested, I answered and through that advertisement I sent for the Stamp Col-

lector's Magazine, and in reading it we both received lots of help in regards to the proper way to collect, and through the S. C. M. I received Scott's Catalogue.

In the same year my partner, Sampson E. James, got interested and started collecting—making our third collector at the time; he subscribed to Meekel's Weekly, making another valuable periodical to help us out.

Toward the end of 1926, William A. Fischer also got interested and right behind him came Charles Kukinsky, making the fourth and fifth collectors.

Through reading the S. C. M. we got the idea of organizing a club. Since then, the following have enrolled:

John Hrinka, Dennis Sexton, Dominick Salem, Thomas McGourty, Arthur Lindsay, Michael Meyers, Robert N. Renner, and A. Grasso. Making a total of thirteen members all told.

#### Members and What They Collect

1. George C. Poeppel: A general collection, but specializing in United States Postage, Revenue and Precancels.

2. William H. Tacy: A general collection of United States, such as Postage, Revenue, Precancels and Cancellations.

3. Sampson E. James: A general collection of United States, such as Postage, Revenue and Precancels.

4. William A. Fischer: A general collection, but specializing in Asia, and United States Postage.

5. Charles A. Kukinsky: A general collection.

6. John Hrinka: A collection of Russia, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Ukraine, Siberia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Bosnia.

7. Arthur Lindsay: A general collection.

8. Michael Meyers: A general collection.

9. Dennis Sexton: A collection of North and South America, Germany and Austria.

10. Dominick Salem: A collection of United States, Central and South America.

11. Robert N. Renner: A general collection.

12. A. Grasso: A general collection.

13. Thomas McGourty: A general collection.

Since the purchase of the Catalogue and the two periodicals, our knowledge of Philately has increased a hundred-fold.

First, in coming into contact with people, through correspondence, and learning in so doing that

### P. O. D. Quits Kidding

WASHINGTON  
April 20, 1929.

Dear Ed:

I see the P. O. D. is coming clean with collectors of air mail covers. The latest announcement is that they will no longer "B. S." the covers as has been the custom in the past and collectors can believe or not believe that the covers came by air in place of by train without any "B. S." from Uncle Sammy.

Also note that the stamps for two of the western states are to be branded. Hughes Clark will or will not put these in the Scott catalog, just as Hughes sees fit, and that's that.

PHIL DODGERS.

P. S.—The Jersey Wrestler won the first round.

there are people who will give others a square deal.

Second, they are enthusiastic and encouraging—in the smallest possible detail—never for a moment forgetting that a boost for Philately is to help and give what knowledge they have to ease the path of the beginner.

Handicapped as we are, and new to the game, our advance is gradual and determined, if moderate. Today our collections are far in advance of what they were a year and a half ago, they take in practically every country there is to be had, and each member chooses to his own liking.

We, of the Philatelic Five owe our success to Mr. A. Lauria, Mr. Nicklen of Scott's, Mr. and Mrs. John Spaulding of the P. S. S. from New Berlin, N. Y., and to the numerous other people of Philately who have given of their patience and advice to our advancement. Also, we owe a lot of thanks to Mr. P. H. Thorp of Scott's Monthly Journal.

The main object in writing this little booklet is so the Philatelic Five may get acquainted with the proper people; there are people in this world who are willing to help others—and it took stamp collecting to teach us this.

Now, one of our troubles in the past has been Approvals; that is, a few of us here bought them from some dealers and on account of the censorship here the returning of them has been a couple of days over the specified time; but nobody has ever complained to us about it, which is something we certainly appreciate, and if there is anyone who can suggest a way for us to get five days over it would surely be greatly appreciated. Another thing in regards to Approvals is that a few of the dealers send us Mint United States, and they are the only stamps we cannot accept; but the trouble with them is that when they are received the censor thinks that we order them and they are promptly cancelled with a pen so that we have to pay for them whether we want them or not as we couldn't send them back to the sender in that condition, and that is what we would like to warn the dealers about.

And let me tell you that, considering our circumstances some of the fellows have some nice looking albums and are proud of them. The first one to start, George C. Poepel, had his album looked over by Mr. J. Spaulding of New Berlin, N. Y. a few months past and Mr. Spaulding told him it was a good collection and gave George some valuable hints as to how to make it look better, and George passed them to the rest of us.

I cannot say enough about stamps to express my true feel-

ings, but I can say, as I did once before, that stamps have done a whole lot for us here, and made us see the world in a new light and not only that but they have taught us the history of the world and of our own country, especially the commemorative and charity stamps of the different countries.

The members that collect United States go big for them and a few of us have more Precancels than the General Postage Stamps; through them we have learned of a lot of small towns and cities that we never heard of before and the different little industries throughout the country. We are always glad whenever we find one we never saw before, and it never matters whether the stamp is torn; we hang right on to it just the same.

March 1st, 1929 we arranged a list showing the State in which the men whose names appear below are specializing:

Dennis Sexton, New Jersey  
Wm. Tacy, Pennsylvania  
Dominick Salem, Illinois  
Thos. McGourty, Massachusetts  
George Poepel, New York

Considerable conversation is passed about concerning precancel envelopes, though none of us as yet have seen any, though, that does not state that we won't. However, should any collector, having duplicates, wish to exchange for stamps to the value of an envelope, he has but to send on his wishes and the envelopes to the above five, and they will try to fill his request or return the envelopes.

Is there anybody able to give us the address where we could send for a book with the complete information on Permits? If so, please forward same.

Several of the members would like to start arranging their collections of same, but do not know how to mount them properly.

Also where a book can be bought explaining United States postal cards; have one from Department of Postage and Revenue, but would like another for correcting and arranging.

A short while ago Mr. J. Spaulding sent two large photographs of the P. S. S., one taken in Cleveland, Ohio and the other, at the last convention at Chicago, Illinois. They were passed around to all the fellows and they all had a good word to say about them and all remarked about the increase in the number of people present at the last convention. Some day some of us might be lucky and get a chance to enroll; and if we do, we will never miss a convention.

The fellows all asked me to thank the people who were responsible for our receiving the following periodicals: Scott's Monthly Journal, The Precancel Gazette,

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Finland Ex. Issue, A22, 1m, 1½m	40	
France, A22, 40c ultramarine	40	
India, Chamba, A55, 12a claret, Official	45	
Gwalior, A55, 8a red violet	30	
A55, 8a red violet, Official	30	
A55, 12a claret	45	
A56, 1 rupee green & brown	55	
Jhind, A47, 1½a green	02	
A56, 5 rupees violet & ultramarine	3.00	
Italy new 15c, 35c, 2 var.	18	
Roumania Michel type, 7.50L, 10L, wmkd.	1.20	
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146 - 1896, 50c carmine	10	.05
148 - 1896, 2s claret	50	.25
184 - 1902, 30c yellow	06	.02
220 - 1920, 5c blue and black	10	.03
222 - 1921, 1c olive and brown	05	.02
Semi-Postal (Plebisite)		
401 - 1925, 5c blue	35	.14
404 - 1925, 2c orange	05	.02
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**The Precancel Bee and The Pre-cancelist.**

All of the above are sent without charge and we all spend many an enjoyable hour reading them.

The two men whom we all thank the most for their help in explaining the proper way to identify Precancels are Mr. John Spaulding of New Berlin, N. Y., and Mr. Francis F. Greely of New York City, N. Y. In closing, we wish to thank Mr. T. J. Murphy, the Warden of this Institution, who has given us the privilege of sending out for stamps either for cash or Approval.

The other night I had a talk with him on the subject of stamp collecting as a hobby and I asked him his opinion of it; he told me that so far he hasn't had any trouble over them and that he doesn't see any harm in it.

We also thank Mr. Gregory G. Adlon, Director of Institutions and Agencies of this State, and his assistant, Mr. Souders for it is through their help and co-operation with Mr. Murphy that permission for the making of this little booklet was given.

## Clark Plate Numbers

With reference to the Clark Plate Numbers, cooperators have so flooded me with news of new ones in their possession that I believe it is in order to publish a consolidated list of all those actually seen to date. There were all together twelve frame (Red) plates and twelve center (Black) plates used. Hence the total possible number of combinations is 144. In case a man collects both right and left panes that number should be doubled. Of this 144 we have to date located 132 as given below.

My replies have come from every corner of the country, and it is interesting to note that certain numbers are reported by several from one section, while they do not appear at all from another part of the country. Several have sent in remarkably complete lists, especially Mr. L. G. Barrett of West Roxbury, Mass., who also submits a simple and excellent chart showing all possible combinations.

A chart showing all known numbers is printed herewith.

Black Plate Numbers														
2c CLARK		1929	19728	19729	19730	19731	19732	19733	19734	19735	19736	19737	19738	19739
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This leaves but twelve more possible combinations to locate. Any observant collector having any of them will do us a favor by so reporting. Those who have assisted in the above since the last list was printed are:

Louis G. Barrett, West Roxbury, Mass.  
C. W. Derby, Alton, N. H.  
Jacob Weigel, Pasadena, Calif.

W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.  
E. R. Unthank, Princeton, Ind.  
Fred J. Mallgrave, Chester, Pa.  
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W. S. Aldrich, St. Joseph, Mo.  
Rev. Perry H. Baumann, Toledo, O.

Address further news of new numbers to Major Ralph A. Kimble, FA-Res., 8118 Dante Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

### CLARK PLATE VARIETY

Mr. John D. McCullough of Oblong, Illinois, sends information regarding a variety in the plate of the 2c Clark stamp that will be of interest to those who are building up a collection of this stamp.

On plate number 19720, left pane, there is a red dot in the ball of the figure 2. The stamp showing this dot is directly under the marginal inscription "TOP" in red. The dot is in the figure 2 in lower left corner.



## Help Wanted!

In completing a reference collection of Clark Plate Numbers. Almost all combinations needed in blocks of six showing both plate numbers and the word TOP.

Both Right Pane (Black TOP) and Left Pane (Red TOP) blocks needed. Submit LIST of what you have for sale, with your lowest price. Your help will be appreciated.

**Ralph A. Kimble**  
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**WHY ARE PRECANCELS SO POPULAR?**

You have probably read or heard something about collecting precanceled stamps and was wondering what all the noise was about. Never before have precancels been so popular, never before has so much money been spent on precancels than just now and I ought to know because I deal in them. Collecting of precancels is no longer a sideline of Philately, it is a hobby by itself.

Now just why are precancels so popular? Collectors living in the U. S. A. naturally are interested in their own country's stamps first. But the average collector will soon lose interest in his collection unless he has a fat pocketbook, because the older and better issues will cost him some real cash. This may account as to why some of the New European stamps are now more sought after than they were a few years back, the only trouble is that collectors, going after foreign stamps will have to spend money for practically all their stamps, which is not the case when collecting precancels.

Precancels not only have a big future, but there are still big possibilities for some real finds. But I wanted to show you how you may be able to start a precancel collection with little or no outlay of cash on your part. Next time you do some shopping at your hardware or drug store, ask the clerk for precancels, if he hasn't got any right then, he will be only too glad to save them for you. If you live in a large city, get in touch with the janitor of some big office building, for a few cigars or for some other arrangement he will collect all precancels for you he can lay his hands on. And here is where the real kick comes in, you may be able to find precancels from small towns cataloging up to \$1.00 for which you will admit there is very little chance when collecting foreign stamps.

With the above I don't want to tell you not to spend money for precancels, you will have to do this sooner or later if you take them up seriously, and they are just as good an investment as the foreign stamps, if not better.

**MITCHELL-HOOVER BUREAU  
 PRINT CATALOG**

In addition to the purchase of the Standard Precancel catalog the Hoover Brothers have secured Dr. Mitchell's co-operation in combining all precancels under one head and will accordingly publish what has heretofore been known as the Gossip Bureau Print Catalog.

The next edition is promised for June 15th.

I am glad this step has been taken, it will eventually mean ONE price on these popular stamps. Mitchell's prices were always NET, those of the Standard catalog were not only lower or higher but also based on a 25% trade discount for cash orders. How the new publishers will overcome this difficulty is hard to tell as I have no idea what the new Standard catalog will look like. One thing is sure, Mitchell's NET prices were a success, Bureau Print collectors got used to this net basis system and I can not recall a single instance where a customer may have asked me for a discount on Bureau Prints.

Now that B. P. collectors got used to this NET pricing system, why can't we go a little further and base the 1930 Standard catalog prices on a NET basis system. The former publisher always had the excuse that precancel collectors usually were formerly general collectors and as such used to the Scotts discount system. I should think it would make little difference if the new prices were adjusted accordingly, and if the larger dealers would agree among themselves to keep but one price, collectors would get used to the NET price system, of course there will be always a few so-called would-be-dealers who try to sell for less in order to attract new customers, but those stamps are usually such that could be bought in a package at a cheaper price yet.

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At a banquet in 1911, celebrating the 70th anniversary of penny postage in England, Mrs. D. Field, now head of the great house of D. Field of London, received the pseudonym of "The Lady of the Penny Black", by which she is now universally known in the Philatelic world.

Mr. Fred J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society, was in the chair, and among the guests were Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, who introduced penny postage into New Zealand.

On this occasion Mrs. Field wore a locket showing a "penny black" on one side, and the rare penny black with letters V. R. in the corners on the reverse. Since then she has been dubbed, "The Lady of the Penny Black".

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*Chile, 443-7, duodecim	.51
*Congo, 88-90, 92, 104	.10
*Finland, 164, 166-8, Ships	.74
*Greece, 491-2, Charity	.08
*Iceland, 143-7, "Tollur" cancellation	.76
Japan, 182-3, complete	.60
*Jugoslavia, 444-5, 449-54, 456-7	1.81
Jugoslavia, 601-14, cpl. King heads	.32
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## The New State Surcharged Stamps

Third Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, April 8, 1929

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that arrangements have been completed to begin the issuance of special overprinted postage stamps in sheet form in denominations of 1 to 10 cents, inclusive, to post offices in Kansas and Nebraska, for placing on sale to the public. So far as practicable, all requisitions for these denominations now on hand in the department from direct-accounting postmasters will be filled with the overprinted stamps. The surcharge, representing the respective State abbreviations, will appear in black ink across the lower half of the stamps.

The overprinted-style stamps will be issued to all post offices in the above-named States with the exception of Kansas City, Topeka, and Wichita, Kans., Omaha and Lincoln, Nebr., where ordinary postage stamps will be continued on sale for local use.

Postmasters at direct-accounting post offices in the above-named States, with the exception of Kansas City and Wichita, Kans., and Lincoln, Nebr., are directed to submit a special requisition promptly to the department for such quantities of overprinted sheet stamps in denominations of 1 to 10 cents, inclusive, as will be required for a year's supply, making due allowance for any pending requisition that will be filled with surcharged stamps.

District post offices in Kansas and Nebraska will be supplied with surcharged stamps from their respective central accounting office in the filling of requisitions as soon as the stock is available.

Until otherwise directed the following general rules will govern the sale and use of the State surcharged stamps:

1. The stamps will be placed on sale only at post offices within the respective States, but they will be valid for postage purposes at all post offices now using ordinary United States stamps.

2. The supplies of ordinary unsurcharged stamps remaining on hand in post offices in the above-named States will continue to be used until exhausted. No official first date of sale will be designated for any post office supplied with the surcharged stamps.

3. Postmasters at offices supplied with special surcharged stamps will not accept mail orders for such stamps from outside the State except as may be specifically

authorized by the department when needed for use on advertising matter that is to be sent to post offices in Kansas and Nebraska for mailing.

4. For the benefit of stamp collectors the State surcharged stamps will be placed on sale in the philatelic agency on May 1, 1929. Owing to the large number of denominations of surcharged stamps, the agency will be unable to accept first day covers from collectors for stamping and mailing on May 1.

5. The filling of orders will be greatly facilitated if collectors will eliminate other varieties of stamps from their first orders for State surcharged stamps. All orders will be filled in regular turn of receipt.

While every reasonable effort will be made in the agency to fill orders with well centered stock, the limited quantities of the State surcharged stamps printed will prevent as close selection being made as is possible with ordinary stamps.

R. S. Regar,  
Third Assistant Postmaster  
General.

### NEW BRITISH COMMEMORATIVES

Great Britain is again to issue a set of special Commemorative stamps. These stamps are to be issued to commemorate the meeting of the Universal Postal Union Convention in London. Advices at hand state that there will be five varieties yet there is mention made only of stamps of the 1 and 1½ penny values and a 1 pound value. This last value is handing collectors quite a jolt. All of the commemoratives issued in the U. S. since the Omaha issue could be bought originally for less money than it will require to provide yourself with a single set of these new British stamps.

The commemorative will be on sale for three months. This occasion is the second issue of Commemoratives by Great Britain. The first issue was in honor of the British Empire Exhibition in 1924 and 1925, when stamps of the value of 1 and 1½ penny were issued.

Experts predict that one of the next great developments in air mail service will be the picking up and discharging of air mail while planes are in flight. We wonder if there will be special cachets used in honor of the first service of this sort.

## Orders are Being Received For the New Bureau Print Album

Assurance of support and actual orders for the proposed Bureau Print Album are being received every day. Our plans in most instances are approved by the collectors of these stamps and many valuable suggestions are also being made.

It is interesting also to know that the Mitchell-Gossip Bureau Print Catalog is to be taken over by the Hoover Brothers who recently acquired the Rotnem Pre-cancel Catalog.

The Bureau Print Album which we will publish will be planned along the lines of the new Bureau Print Catalog that will be issued by the Hoover Brothers.

A very fine feature of the new Bureau Print Album will be actual illustrations of the City type of each and every city in the same face of type as used for precancelling the postage stamps at the Bureau in Washington. This completely illustrated album will be of much value to collectors of Bureau prints because there are many collectors who are sometimes in doubt about certain stamps being Bureau Prints because of similarity of certain city types used in various towns.

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**WHO CAN DO IT?** Mr. Josiah Hatch Quincy of Boston, Mass., writes us under date of April 2, and states, "The United States puts out stamps printed flat plate, rotary, and offset. I think that an article showing HOW the different prints can be recognized would be valuable."

Recognizing the different prints is a simple matter for one who has a knowledge of the various forms of printing and engraving, but to print an article with diagrams and explanations that would show the differences is another matter. The greatest difficulty, however, is between the so-called flat plate and the rotary prints. Both are engraved. Possibly the best that can be done with these issues is to follow the details as described in the catalog and if this is done one should not be wrong in their classifications. On the face of the stamps, the rotary prints are always much more crude than the flat plate engravings. In the flat plate engravings, as a general rule, the white ground on the face of the stamps is always much more clear than on the rotary prints. In both the rotary and flat plate prints the ink stands up on the surface of the paper while in the offset the ink is more in the nature of a dye that has been applied to the surface of the paper, and does not stand up from the surface. The offsets are lithographs and show no trace of impression or indentation into the paper either front or back while the engraved stamps of either style

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The News is placing the "Five" on the subscription list.

The story of the Philatelic Five which we print in this number of the News is taken from a little booklet which has been issued by the Five as an appreciation of the help that has been given them by collectors and through the interest of the officers of the prison, in helping them to enjoy the hobby of stamp collecting.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

On April 26th there will be a celebration at Cape Henry, Va., in honor of the 322nd anniversary of the landing at Cape Henry. It was at this point that the first landing of English settlers in America was made.

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# The Air Mail



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Beginning May 1st, air mail service on the route from Atlanta, Ga., via Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro, N. C., Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pa., to New York City will be daily including Sunday. Prior to this date there has been no Sunday service on this route. May 1st is the first anniversary of the inauguration of service on this route. No change from present six day service will be made south of Atlanta.

When this route was opened a year ago, both Winston-Salem and High Point, North Carolina, near Greensboro used cachets.

Mr. Edw. C. Lovell, 9 E. 3rd St., Charlotte, N. C., will be glad to help anyone with covers on this route.

## Lindbergh Day at Saginaw

The Junior Board of the Chamber of Commerce at Saginaw, Michigan, are planning a big mailing of air mail for Lindbergh Day, May 21st. A special cachet is to be provided and all covers will be marked with this cachet. Covers should be sent direct to Mr. Kenneth Tallmadge, c/o Temple Theatre, Saginaw, Mich.

## We Told You So

We have repeatedly pointed out that many cities which are building airports will have a long time to wait before they are on air mail routes. The Post Office Department announce that in order to have air service that adequate airport facilities must be provided. This means fields in perfect condition, not cow pastures. The greatest danger in flying is in the landing and unless suitable and safe landing runways are provided the Government will not consider air mail service to any city.

Three Polish Aviators will attempt a non-stop flight from Ireland to Chicago, some time within

the coming month. Polish American citizens of Chicago have provided nearly \$50,000 to finance this flight and the Aero Club of Chicago has a standing offer of a \$50,000 prize to the first aviators making a nonstop flight from Europe to Chicago. Whether mail will be carried is not announced.

Paul A. (Red) Andert recently set a speed record on the route Salt Lake to Boise, when he flew over the course at 187 miles per hour. His time for the trip was 1 hour and forty minutes.

## Pasco Dedication Cachet

Pasco, Washington, has dedicated its new airport and celebrated the third anniversary of air mail service on the same date, April 6. Collectors who remember the first flight on this route through Pasco in 1926, will recall that some of the planes used on this route were cracked up within the first couple days of service and that as a result the service was suspended until new equipment could be provided and was again started on June 1st. Covers from this first day resumption of service on this route are much sought for and far more scarce than original first flights.

The cachet used on the dedication covers of April 6, 1929, is a very neat and attractive one and all covers we have seen are stamped clear and perfect. We have seen cachets in both violet and red. The cover before us is from Mr. George Kreyling of Bound Brook, N. J., and our thanks are extended Mr. Kreyling for his thoughtfulness in sending this cover.

## First Air Mail, Panama to Ecuador

The first air mail service from Cristobal, Canal Zone, to points on the west coast of South America has been opened by the Scadta Company of Colombia. Scadta is a German owned line that has been flying air mail in Colombia for some time.

Post Office Department officials have approved a request of American agents for the German company that beginning April 4 mail from the United States via United Fruit Company liners and destined for points along the Scadta

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route south from the Canal Zone through Baranquilla, Colombia, to Guayaquil, Ecuador, be transferred to the Scadta air lines at Cristobal, instead of at Cartagena, Colombia, as heretofore.

The mail in question is that originating in New York and bearing not only American postage but also prepaid Colombian air mail stamps sold in the United States by agents of the Scadta company.

This service, it is reported here, is not available through the American postal service, inasmuch as the Postoffice Department has refused to sell Colombia air mail stamps.

The new Scadta air mail service in connection with steamers from the United States, however, will not affect the plans of the Post-office Department to inaugurate the South American air-mail service from Cristobal, Irving W. Glover, Second Assistant Postmaster General, pointed out. The contract for this service has been let to Pan American-Grace Airways.

### JUST IN

Zeppelin card. Has 1 mark eagle air stamp and the official blue label "Mit Luftpost Par Avion". The card itself is a photograph of the Zeppelin. The reverse also has a poster stamp showing the Zeppelin flying over the world. The best thing on the card is the new cachet reading "Luftschiff Graf Zeppelin 1929 Orientfahrt" and shows sphinx and pyramids with the Zeppelin flying over both. The backstamping is Newark, N. J. This mail was thrown from the ship in Austria and this is the ONLY mail so handled. WOW, wot a cover! Each \$2.00

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### Mexican Air Mail

Since the inauguration of the air mail service on route F. A. M. No. 8 from Brownsville to Mexico City, the Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City route has been discontinued and a new route from Mexico City to Saltillo has been established. This new route connects at Saltillo with trains to Laredo, Texas.

### Matzalan to Matamoras, April 9

The new Mexican Route from Matzalan to Matamoras was opened on April 9. We are in receipt of a first day cover from Sr. Roberto Garcia Larranga, of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. This cover is cancelled at Matzalan, Sinaloa, and backstamped at Matamoras, Tamaulipas, on the 10th of April. The cover is one of the official Mexican Air mail envelopes with the new embossed 10 centavos stamp and with the corner stripes in red and green and bears also the air mail label and a large hand stamp "VIA-AIR-MAIL".

The route over which this cover was flown starts at Matzalan, Sinaloa, goes by way of Durango, Torreon, Monterrey, and thence to Matzalan.

Many new routes are being planned in Mexico and collectors will find this an interesting field to watch.

The state of Michigan has more air mail routes and more cities served by air mail than any other state in the Union.

Assistant Postmaster General Glover predicts that within a short time the larger air ports will be connected up with the central post offices by tubes through which the air mail as it comes to the landing fields, will be immediately shot through to the postoffice. This system in operation would permit of airports being located at some distance from the postoffices and still speed up the mails.

In some of the large cities it takes longer to get the mail from the port to the postoffice than it does to transport it by air from one town to another.

The Pittsburgh Aviation Industries Corporation is planning a three hour air passenger service between New York and Pittsburgh. No doubt when this service is in effect arrangements will be made to handle mail on the flights.

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## Re-organization of The Rotnem Stamp Co., Inc.

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Rotnem's sale of the Precancel Department of his business to Hoover Brothers of New York City came about because of Victor W. Rotnem's law practice having



grown to the stage where it required his full time and attention. It doesn't seem like four years have passed since Vic announced he was hanging out his shingle,

### THE "FIELD" OF PHILATELY

The above is the title of a very interesting little booklet that has recently been published by D. Field, one of the leading dealers of London. The booklet is descriptive of the institution of D. Field, dealers in postage stamps and details the history of the firm. Throughout the booklet are numerous illustrations of the Field quarters and many other historical pictures of old London. A few worthwhile anecdotes are printed as a part of the story and we have taken the liberty of printing these under suitable titles in this issue of the News.

The business of this firm was started many years ago by Mr. David Field. His recent death left the business in the hands of his widow who is carrying on according to the plans of the founder.

Mr. John Rausch advises that the first night flight from Oakland, California, over the newly lighted air route will take place on May 1st.

and that as soon as his practice reached the proper point that he intended to devote himself to the law only. But the time has arrived, Vic says, and so the sale to Hoovers, and also, the reorganization of the Rotnem Stamp Co., Inc., with Frederick W. Allen as President and manager, and eventually, full owner.

Mr. Allen is well known to the majority of our readers for he has long been active as a stamp man. He has been with Mr. Rotnem almost a year, and is continuing in the postage stamp portion of the business from the 545 McKnight Bldg. address.

Advertisements in our columns give the details of the reorganized company. We note with interest the new method of handling the approval problem in the moderate priced items. Allen is featuring approval selections mounted in the order of the stamps appearance in Scott's International Junior Album. A well rounded out stock of foreign stamps replaces the precancels that used to grace the safes in the Minneapolis office, and the Company will devote itself as a specialty to price lists, want lists and approval service in United States, British North America and Scandinavia. The monthly public auction sales of postage stamps, which Rotnem ran through 35 sales will be continued by Allen.

### WHY NOT JOIN THE S. P. A.?

Collectors of Ohio and especially all who live within a short distance of Cleveland, Ohio, should take advantage of the opportunity that will come to attend the annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans at Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of August 12th. If you have never attended a stamp convention you will find that the cost of joining this live society will be forgotten after a day at the convention.

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## CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations are sometimes a means of advertising. We all see and know 'Join the Navy', 'Red Cross Roll Call, Join', 'Learn while you earn—Join the army', 'Register and insure valuable mail', and other common everyday types.

In this way the government sends messages to its people. For a while England used the cancel "British Goods are Best", on mail going out of the country. My copy is dated from Edinburgh to this country.

Some cancellations go so far as to advertise Philately! One of mine reads: "Midwestern Philatelic Sta." (station), "Cleveland, Ohio"!

Others are adopted to show under what flag a land is. Thus one from St. Thomas appears with the cancellation in the form of a wavy American Flag! St. Thomas is one of the Virgin Isles bought from Denmark in 1917 by the United States.

A cancellation used over one Canadian postage stamp (3c portraits of Victoria) shows a long, folding British flag as the obliterator.

Exhibitions and important doings are oftentimes given prominence on cancellations. 'Canadian National Exhibition' is one, circular form in purplish ink with the date in the center of the double-lined circle.

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The New Orleans Stamp Society was organized on Thursday, April fourth, at the residence of Rev. J. S. Dallman. Nine collectors were present. This is the only stamp club in New Orleans at the present time.

A regular program is being mapped out and plans are being laid to make every meeting an interesting one. An effort will be made to get in touch with and assist Junior collectors.

At the first meeting, Rev. Dallman displayed his collection of over 20,000 varieties, which has a catalog value of over \$12,000. The pride of the collection is a copy of number 1 Reunion, listing at \$1000.

Rev. J. S. Dallman was elected president; S. J. Peters, vice president and J. K. Steinfeld, secretary-treasurer.

Other members in attendance were: Messrs. J. E. Eagen, J. Demartin, P. Veith, A. Brignac, F. Weill and George Hamilton.

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## Air Mail News

We are informed by Mrs. Von Arx that her husband died on March 10, of heart failure. He was the leading air cover collector of Switzerland. We remember selling him air covers 15 years ago. Many an item for which we charged 50c or \$1.00 is worth today \$1.00 for every cent expended. It might be said that the cuts used in most air catalogs were made from covers from Mr. Von Arx's collection.—Roessler's Stamp News.

Our agent in Mexico tells us that the reason the Brownsville, Mexico cover is so rare is that the mail was held up by the rebels in Chihuahua. We have asked our agent with the rebels to see if he can do something to secure the release of the mail, pointing out good will is important, etc.

—Roessler's Stamp News.

Captain Hermann Koehl who made the first east to west trans-Atlantic flight, with Colonel Fitzmaurice and the baron, sends us a very nice letter in which he says he will carry 50 pounds of postal matter on trip that he will take across the ocean next month. This will be in one of the biggest airplanes ever made, and in the hands of such an experienced flyer, its success seems assured. We are offered the exclusive privilege of the 50 pounds mail for \$25,000 which to us seems reasonable enough in view of the quantity, but the sum is too large for stamp collectors to absorb, so we are making a counter proposition,

and will have news later on developments. It now comes out for first time that on the 1927 trip a postcard was carried from Germany and postmarked at Murray Bay. Asking price for the card is \$800.00.

—Roessler's Stamp News.

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that we spent a small fortune of postage sending out covers to Washington for the proper marks. As a matter of fact airmail should not be backstamped—the P. O. said it was foolish to hold the mail at some terminal while they go through the cancelling machine after the pilot broke his neck (as the saying is) going across the continent. On cheap CAM's there is no need of having b. s. but on expensive covers you can get b. s by having it made special delivery.

—Roessler's Stamp News.

### COLUMBUS COLLECTOR TO MAKE EXHIBIT

On the evening of Wednesday, May 1, the Collectors Club of New York will be entertained by an exhibit of the Eagle Issues of Mexico. The stamps to be shown are the collection of Mr. Oscar A. Schenck, president of the Market Exchange Bank Company of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Schenck has been an ardent stamp collector for a great many years. He seems to have had the understanding, when he first took to the hobby, that the proper specimens to select were those that were in perfect condition or as near that as could be found. As a result his collection of stamps, whether you are looking at his U. S. which would require many hours for a hurried view, or his wonderful collection of the various foreign countries, you can not help but marvel at the excellence of the copies shown.

While the display for the entertainment of the Collectors Club is to be but the one issue of Mexico, this issue is contained in several volumes and a thorough examination would require considerable time. But this is only a very small portion of the remarkable collection of Mexican stamps that this gentleman has amassed. Mr. Schenck is in the truest sense of the word, a Philatelist. He is a deep student of stamps and it is probably due to this reason that his interest in Mexico has developed to such an extent. No other country or group of stamps known to collectors has the field for study, interest and research as is embraced in the issues of Mexico. It is a country that holds forth pleasure and interest for the collector of moderate means as well as for the collector who can spend thousands of dollars on stamps.

The collection of Mexico which has been formed by Mr. Schenck in the past several years will rank alongside of any other collection of Mexico in the world, and if it were not for the fact that the owner is a man of the type who shrinks from publicity, Columbus, Ohio, would be well advertised as the home of this wonderful collection.

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